



# CrimeWatch

School Days

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"EXCELLENCE IN PROTECTION"



## Back to School Issue:

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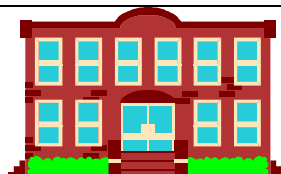
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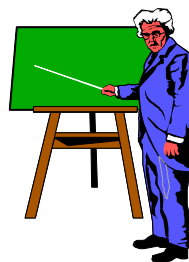
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## 10 THINGS YOU CAN DO



1. **Teach children**  
how to reduce their  
risk of being victims  
of violent crime.  
Insist on knowing at  
all times where your  
kids are, what they  
are doing, and who  
they are with.

2. **Get involved.**  
Volunteer to help in community and neighborhood anti-crime and other community improvement efforts. Encourage groups you belong to -- religious, civic, social -- to help stop crime.



3. **Use common-sense tips** to reduce your risk of being a crime victim. Stay in well-lighted, busy areas; travel with a friend if possible; walk in a confident, assured way. Avoid known trouble spots.
4. **Report crimes and suspicious activities** to police; agree to testify when necessary. Stand up for what you believe in if you want a safe community.
5. **Get to know your neighbors** and agree to look out for each other. Get organized; work with the police.



6. **Find ways to settle arguments without violence.**

If you resort to violence to settle disputes, this is what you will teach your child. Be a good role model.

7. **Use common courtesy.** It helps ease tensions that can lead to violence. Teach your kids that good manners are important.

8. **Don't carry a weapon.** You lose, whether you use it or it's used on you.



9. **Don't support illegal activities,** like buying stolen property or using illegal drugs. It's the wrong message to send a child, and it involves you in criminal activity.

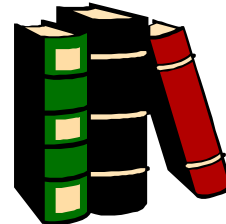
10. **Volunteer your home** as a reliable source of help for kids who are scared or need assistance.



## **10 THINGS YOUR COMMUNITY CAN DO**



1. **Work with public agencies** and other organizations -- neighborhood-based or community-wide -- on solving common problems. Don't be shy about letting them know what your community needs.





**2. Find positive ways for youth** in the neighborhood to spend their spare time, through organized recreation, tutoring programs, part-time work, and volunteer opportunities.

**3. Set up a Neighborhood Watch** or a community patrol, working with police. Make sure your streets and homes are well lighted.

**4. Build a partnership with police**, focused on solving problems instead of reacting to crises. Make it possible for neighbors to report suspicious activity or crimes without fear of retaliation.

**5. Take advantage of safety in numbers** to hold rallies, marches, and other group activities to show you're determined to drive out crime and drugs.

#### **6. Clean up the neighborhood!**

Involve everyone -- teens, children, senior citizens. Graffiti, litter, abandoned cars, and run-down buildings tell criminals that you don't care about where you live or each other. Call the city public works department and ask for help in cleaning up.

**7. Ask local officials** to use new ways to get criminals out of your building or neighborhood. These include enforcing anti-noise laws, housing codes, health and fire codes, anti-nuisance laws, and drug-free clauses in rental leases.

**8. Form a Court Watch** to help support victims and witnesses and to see that criminals get fairly punished.

**9. Work with schools** to establish drug-free, gun-free zones; work with recreation officials to do the same for parks.



**10. Develop and share a phone list** of local organizations that can provide counseling, job training, guidance, and other services that neighbors might need.



#### **CRIME PREVENTION IS NO ACCIDENT**



Crime prevention is made a reality by people just like you who put it into practice in their daily lives and in their interactions with others. For this we sincerely thank you.



The [Crime Prevention Coalition of America](#), with its 117 active member organizations, is the network which brings the campaign to life through its constituencies across the U.S. Primary funding for the National Citizens' Crime Prevention Campaign comes from the [Bureau of Justice Assistance](#) in the Office of Justice Programs of the U.S. Department of Justice.

**For more information on preventing crime, please visit [NCPC's On-Line Resource Center](#). If you have a question about this site, please contact [webmaster@ncpc.org](mailto:webmaster@ncpc.org)**



## **“QUOTES” ON CHILDREN:**



Children have more need of models than of critics.\_Joubert.

A torn jacket is soon mended, but hard words bruise the heart of a child.\_Longfellow.

Some one says Boys will be Boys"; he forgot to add, Boys will be men." \_Unknown.

Better be driven out from among men, then to be disliked by children.\_Dana.



Just as the twig is bent, the tree is inclined.\_Pope.

Childhood sometimes does pay a second visit to a man; youth never.\_Mrs. Jameson.

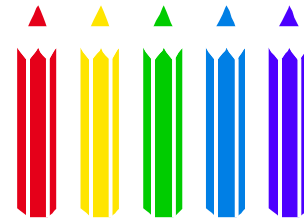
Whether it be for good or evil, the education of the child is principally derived from its own observations of the actions, words, voice, and looks of those with whom it lives.\_The friends of the young, then, cannot be too circumspect in their presence to avoid every and the least appearance of evil.\_Jebb.



Quotes taken from the *Dictionary of Thoughts, A Cyclopedia of Laconic Quotations from the best*

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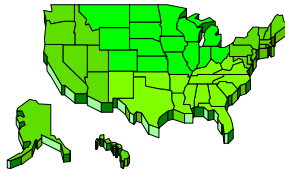


## **STATEMENT FROM NCPC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**John A. Calhoun**

At Heritage High School, in the suburbs of Atlanta, five students were shot by a fellow classmate. We can thank God that no children were killed this time.

As the Executive Director of the National Crime Prevention Council, as a husband and father and as a man whose life is devoted to preventing crime in all communities around the country, I can only say this latest tragedy unfortunately reinforces the tremendous need for all of us to get involved and support the crime prevention programs working in our communities.



We must admit as a society that we have a tragic situation that is becoming epidemic. Whether we call it a cry for attention or a copycat crime, it's still leaving our children wounded and dead and emotionally scarred.



What are we coming to? The school shooting once again underscores in children's blood the need for all communities to get to the root cause of these tragedies and save our children. From getting the guns out of the hands of kids, getting adults in the lives of children and involving youth as part of the solution we can all do something to prevent school violence from exploding into their young lives again.

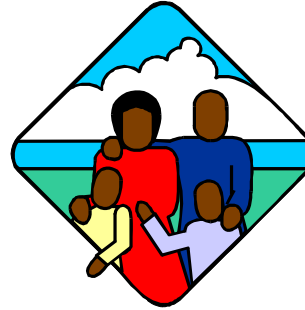


John A. Calhoun is Executive Director of the National Crime Prevention Council, an organization whose mission is to create safer and more caring communities. NCPC has produced publications on creating safer schools and preventing school violence. See the following:  
[www.ncpc.org](http://www.ncpc.org)

- [\*Safer Schools: Strategies for Educators and Law Enforcement Seeking to Prevent Violence Within Schools\*](#)
- [\*Stopping School Violence: A Dozen Things Parents, Students, Teachers, Law Enforcement, Principals, and the Rest of Us Can Do\*](#)



## **BACK TO SCHOOL**



## **A CHECKLIST FOR PARENTS**



Be sure your child knows his or her home phone number and address, your work number, the number of another trusted adult, and how to use 9-1-1 for emergencies.

Plan a walking route to school or the bus stop. Chose the most direct way with the fewest street

crossings and intersections with crossing guards. Test the route with your child. Tell him or her to stay away from parks, vacant lots, fields, and other places where there aren't many people around.

Teach children\_\_ whether walking, biking, or riding the bus to school\_\_to obey all traffic signals, signs, traffic officers, and safety patrols. Remind them to be extra careful in bad weather.



Make sure they walk to and from school with a friend, neighbor, brother, or sister.

When carpooling, deliver and pick up children as close to school as possible. Don't leave until they are in the school or building.



Teach your child never to talk to strangers or accept rides or gifts from strangers. Remember, a

stranger is anyone you or your children don't know well or don't trust.

**If your child is Home Alone for a few hours after school:**



Set up rules for locking doors and windows, answering the door and telephone, and activities allowed.

Make sure they check-in with you or a neighbor immediately after school.

Agree on rules for having friends over and for going to a friend's house when no adult is home.

Take time to listen carefully to your children's fears and feeling about people or places that scare them or make them feel uneasy. Tell them to trust their instincts. Take complaints about bullies and other concerns seriously.



**FPS NEEDS YOUR HELP**



The PBS Federal Protective Service is responsible for providing security in Federal buildings and for protecting you while you are at work. However, you and all other Federal employees are an important part of keeping Federal buildings safe and secure. The Federal Protective Service surveys buildings to assess security risks, station guards at entrances, patrols Federal property, meets with building tenants, and installs security equipment. You can help because in your day to day activities, you become accustomed to what is "right" or familiar. If you notice something that doesn't seem to be normal, notify the Federal

Protective Service. If you see a suspicious act or persons, notify FPS. **THE NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE IS 1-800-799-SAFE (7233) AND THE TDD NUMBER FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED IS 1-800-787-3224. "HELP BUILD AWARENESS AND PREVENT VIOLENCE."**



## THE WESTERN WASHINGTON FPS TEAM



## SERVING WESTERN WASHINGTON

## REPORT ALL SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES TO THE FEDERAL PROTECTIVE SERVICE



**WE'LL DO MORE THAN**

## JUST LEND AN EAR HELP DESK



The following Federal Protective Service employees are available to help you.

Portland Area Code (503)

### Chief, Protection Operations

- Joe Loerzel: (503) 326-6574

### Security Manager Northern District

- Don Laughlin (206) 220-6635

### Physical Security Specialists



- Smokey Forster (206) 220-6636

- Fredaline Healy (253) 593-6749

- Dave White (253) 931 7870

- Darryl Rabb (253) 931-7803

### Contract Guard Program Managers

- Mike Whitaker (253) 931-7226

- Tammy Straessle (253) 931-7370

### Criminal Investigators



- Steve Slagowski: (503) 326-5541
- Darrell Souza: (503) 326-5488

### Electronic Equipment Specialist



- Bob Griffin (206) 220-5087

### Federal Police Officers



(206) 764-6725/26

- Sgt. John Haverty
- Sgt. Odell Mefford
- LESO Pat Zitny
- Officer Rick Reilley
- Officer Larry McConnell:
- Officer Rick Day:

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**888-280-3405 - 24 hours**

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non-security related items we  
can direct you to the  
appropriate GSA employee.

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